

COUNCILS INACTIVE WHILE OTHER CITIES STOP HOUSING ILLS

Workers for Betterment of Congested Districts Point to Reform in New York, and Smaller Municipalities

WHAT NEW YORK TELLS ITS TENANTS TO LEARN

- That there is a backyard for the children to play in. That the janitor is a good one. That the landlord keeps his house clean. That you have a sink with running water. That there are fire escapes.

While Councils continue to ignore appropriations for the new Division of Housing and Sanitation, New York has fired the first gun in the campaign for better housing conditions in that city.

To enlighten residents of the ghetto and other congested sections of Greater New York that landlords must maintain sanitary dwellings, a unique educational campaign has been adopted. Printed circulars are being distributed today block by block, house by house and from door to door.

It is planned to distribute more than a million circulars bearing advice on how to rent a flat in a typical tenement. Women inspectors have been detailed to do this work. It is also the plan of Tenement House Commissioner Murphy, of New York, to get the circulars into the hands of school children.

Investigation by the National Housing Association of New York disclosed that \$72,892,860 is lost by the working people of Philadelphia and other cities yearly through sickness, chiefly due to living in filthy and insanitary tenements.

LACK OF SEWERS CAUSES TYPHOID. Director George W. Norris, of the Department of Docks and Ferries, who is president of the Philadelphia Housing Commission, pointed out today that the high typhoid rate among the 60,000 people in the neglected river district is due to the lack of sewers, which makes vaults and surface drainage unavoidable.

Director Norris, who for years has been an advocate of better housing conditions, and who is among the representative men of Philadelphia who are urging Councils to grant the appropriations for the division of housing and sanitation, today brought out the following striking facts:

"It might be added that when the sewers have been built and the vaults abolished Philadelphia will not be very much ahead of her substitute in the outdoor closets so common in the poorer districts. These outdoor closets are inconvenient of access, lacking in privacy; and in the winter when they freeze, as they do, they are a nuisance."

Information reaching the Philadelphia Housing Commission shows that municipalities all over the country are rapidly falling into line in favor of better housing conditions.

CHANGES IN OTHER CITIES. In many cities, where politics for a while prevented measures favoring better housing conditions being enforced, conditions have changed. Social workers in this city said today that unless Councils granted the required appropriation, this city would go down into history as one of the few cities in the "Siberian cells," "living graves," "death vaults," "tenement caves" and "cellar rooms"—names that have been given to insanitary dwellings in the congested quarters of Philadelphia.

The act creating a Division of Housing and Sanitation was passed more than a year ago by the Legislature and signed by Governor Tener. Every effort to have Councils grant an appropriation has failed. The appeal for the enforcement of the act has been made by more than 45 civic agencies of Philadelphia. The fate of the act now rests in the hands of the Committee on Finance of Councils, of which John F. Connelly is chairman. Select Councilman Charles Seger, of the 7th Ward, in which hundreds of insanitary homes are located, has already expressed himself as being against the new housing laws. He says the new laws are too drastic; that is, too hard on landlords.

New York is not the only city which is getting ahead of Philadelphia for better housing for its residents. Portland, Ore., is among the cities which has awakened to the fact that past neglect has, as always happens, given it some very bad housing. Public-spirited citizens in Portland, led by Father O'Hara, who for the past two years has been trying to make Portland see the facts, have succeeded in interesting the municipality in granting appropriations.

In Orange, where an investigation is being made of its housing conditions, several organizations, including the Health Department and the Associated Charities, are co-operating. In New Haven, Conn., the latest step in bettering housing conditions is to make night inspections of not only tenements, but also of lodging houses. Mayor Hunt, of Cincinnati, is working to establish a new era in that city for housing. Cincinnati has a larger proportion of tenement housing than any other city in the Middle West. One reason for this is the semi-circle of high, steep hills which hem in the older sections of the city along the river and checked expansion in the days of horse cars.

ART SALES TO AID BELGIANS

English Portrait and a Pastel Painter Will Hold Exhibit and Reception. Miss Josephine Streetfield, English portrait and pastel painter, will hold an exhibit and reception for her friends and the art fraternity of Philadelphia from 2 until 5 this afternoon at the studio of Miss West, 1736 Chestnut street. Proceeds from any of the pastels sold will be added to the Belgian relief fund. Miss Streetfield recently distinguished herself in making a copy of the Robespierre by Velasquez, and her painting has been given space in the National Gallery, London. She has just finished a portrait painting of Miss Sallis Stone, of Bryn Mawr.

TERMINAL FOOD EXPOSITION WILL BE OPENED TOMORROW

Display and Decoration Promise to Eclipse All Previous Shows. Final decorations are being arranged at the Reading Terminal Market today for the annual food exposition, which will open tomorrow for ten days' display of foodstuffs and manufactured products. This year's exhibit will eclipse all previous expositions. The Reading Terminal Market Business Men's Association has made three times the customary appropriation of money for decorations and music. Manufacturers from all parts of the United States have engaged stalls where exhibits of products interesting to the housewife will be displayed. The committee on arrangements has restricted these exhibits of products to those in which the housewife will be benefited. A band will play every day of the exposition and the stalls will be brilliantly illuminated by varicolored lights at night. Printed programs will be distributed among the visitors. The Terminal Market auto delivery will deliver free of charge purchases made at the exposition, and packages purchased elsewhere will be delivered for a small fee.

AUDITOR GENERAL REFUSES TO PAY PRIMARY BILLS

Cuts County Commissioner's Claim of \$250,000 to \$160,577, Declaring Cost Here to Be Exorbitant.

The Philadelphia County Commissioners have received from Auditor General Powell an offer for approval of expenses in 1912 and 1913. The proffer is unsatisfactory to the commissioners, who claim that at least \$250,000 is due them from the Commonwealth for the primary expenditures. In discussing election expenses in Philadelphia, the Auditor General said: "I will not pay a higher price per 1000 for printed ballots than it would require to have such ballots engraved. I would resign my office before I would permit my name to go on such a voucher unless a court had so decreed."

"It cost nearly as much to hold the primaries in Philadelphia as it did to hold them in the rest of the State, except Allegheny County, and the cost in Allegheny is considerably less than in Philadelphia."

EXPENSIVE CLERK HIRE. According to records in the office of the Auditor General, Philadelphia's primary election expenses are unusually high. Clerk hire is five times as great per 1000 votes cast in Philadelphia as in some other sections of the State, although it is declining in cost should be less than in the rural districts on account of the large number of votes cast in comparatively smaller areas to the election unit. Printing of ballots is three to five times as high in Philadelphia as in many other sections.

City Controller Walton, in his 1913 report on Philadelphia's financial status, set forth the Commonwealth owed the city, on the account of primary election expenses, \$28,945.14 on December 31, 1912. That amount was composed of the primary expenses still due from the State as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Amount. Total: \$28,945.14

CONSIDERED MUNICIPAL ASSET.

The total amount due the city is carried in the report of the Controller as an asset in the general account. The law firm of Simpson, Brown & Williams represents County Commissioners in their claim. Suggestions have been made that the Attorney General render an opinion on the legality of the claim. Francis Shunk Brown, a member of the firm, has been mentioned as a possible appointee for the Attorney Generalship under Governor-elect Brumbaugh.

CHILD-RAISING THEORY LEADS TO HIS ARREST

Edward Eatock Objected to Stranger Wheeling His Baby. Edward Eatock has a heir some months more than a year old. Eatock is proud of the child and is mighty particular who keeps his company. Because of all this Eatock was held under \$300 bail by Magistrate Briggs, in the 15th street and Snyder avenue station, this morning to keep the peace. Eatock, who lives at 2818 Boulevard street, learned that while he was at work a man with whom he had no speaking acquaintance was in the habit of trundling his baby around the neighborhood in a coach. He did not know the man and did not know whether he was a proper caretaker for his heir. He started out last night to find the man and traced him to the home of James Cunningham, 1723 Snyder avenue. Cunningham is the father-in-law of Eatock, who upbraid him for permitting a man to wheel a baby when the man was not known to the child's father. Eatock became so boisterous, according to Cunningham, that he called for police. Eatock, after explaining his theory of child raising to the Magistrate, was allowed to sign to own bond.

SELF-INFLICTED HURT FATAL

Man Who Stabbed Himself Dies of Injury. Meyer Singer, 55 years old, of 320 Monroe street, who stabbed himself in the stomach in attempting to commit suicide at 517 South 4th street last Friday, died early this morning in the Pennsylvania Hospital. From the time he reached the hospital little hope had been expressed for his recovery. Eight persons were arrested last week when Singer was found dying in a bathroom in the 4th street house, but he later admitted that the wounds were self-inflicted and those arrested were released. Singer was despondent and out of work.

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THOUSANDS TO PRAY SUNDAY'S CAMPAIGN WILL BE A SUCCESS

Semi-Weekly Meetings in Homes in Interest of Evangelist's Revival to Begin Tonight.

In almost 3000 homes in all parts of Philadelphia men and women will kneel tonight and pray for the success of the evangelistic campaign of the Rev. Dr. William A. Sunday, which is to begin on January 3 and continue ten weeks.

Doctor Sunday, during all the years he has been leading thousands of men from the ways of wickedness, has placed his greatest emphasis on prayer. One of the inspiring sights in the big revival tabernacles is that of Sunday, after an impassioned plea for men and women to come out on the side of Christ, lifting his eyes to God and talking with Him and pleading with Him to bring the unaved to see the light, just as he might talk with a man sitting on the platform.

Because of this firm conviction of the power of prayer, the evangelist has always urged church people of the cities in which he is about to enter to conduct special home prayer meetings for several weeks in advance of his arrival. The meetings are to be held in every city block, if possible, and the participants are to invite all the people residing in each block to attend the prayer service in that block.

SEMIWEEKLY MEETINGS. The prayer meetings will be held each Tuesday and Friday night until Doctor Sunday arrives, and then they will be held in the mornings of the same days at 10 o'clock.

Every one of the 500 churches in the campaign will be responsible for several meetings twice each week in homes of their members.

Heldeberg Reformed Church, 19th and Oxford streets, will have at least 10 home meetings tonight. The pastor of Heldeberg, the Rev. Dr. R. C. Zartman, is an enthusiastic supporter of the campaign. He told the Reformed clergymen of Philadelphia, at a conference in Meridian Church, many of those who are opposed to Doctor Sunday's coming are identified with the liquor interests, are white slaves or white slaves, are irreligious and ungodly or are serious and orthodox in the churches. He gave many reasons why the evangelist is needed here, and the clergymen united in approval of his address.

SUNDAY'S PLAN FOR CONCERTS.

One of the main points that Doctor Zartman brought out in his talk was the fact that Doctor Sunday does not ask or even suggest that any of his converts join a church of any denomination. He permits each man or woman who professes belief in God and expresses a desire to lead a new life, to write the church of their choice on a card, and then the campaign officials communicate with the pastor or rector of the church named and the convert is accepted into the membership of that church organization according to its rules and customs. Many, he said, are added to the rolls of Catholic churches.

SPIRITED FIGHT BEGINS IN PILOTS' ASSOCIATION

Captain Virdin Candidate for Fifteenth Term as President.

Captain John P. Virdin, president of the Pennsylvania and Delaware Pilots' Association for 14 terms, is to have one of the hardest struggles to retain his office this year. Balloting for the election of a president began this morning and will continue until December 31. The ballot box is located at the pilots' headquarters, at 215 Locust street. Each pilot casts his vote in the box when he brings in a vessel from the Delaware Breakwater.

Last year the entire membership was represented on the ticket. While there are a number of candidates this year, the fight centres upon Captain Virdin and John H. Kelly. Captain Virdin's popularity is attested by the fact that he has held the place so long, and his followers are confident that when the votes are counted at the close of the month he will still be retained in office.

CARRIERS' CARNIVAL OPENS

Grand March a Feature of Annual Event in Uptown Armory. The annual convention and carnival of the Letter Carriers' Association, which opened last night in the 2d Regiment Armory, Broad street and Susquehanna avenue, will continue today and tomorrow. The proceeds of the carnival will be devoted to the fund for incapacitated and needy mail carriers. A grand march, accompanied by a band and led by Robert T. Quinn, president of the association, and Mrs. Katherine Larkin, opened the convention last night.

WHAT'S DOING TONIGHT?

- Lancaster Avenue Business Men's meeting, 3020 Lancaster street. Natural Sciences meeting, 1900 Race street. Fishermen's Business Men's meeting, Germantown avenue and 7th street. Philadelphia Business Men's meeting, 5210 Market street. Entertainment, Dalmata, William Penn High School for Girls, 15th and Wallace streets, 8:15 p. m. Local, 510 p. m. House, 8 p. m. Prayer meetings for "Billy" Sunday campaign in all churches.

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EMERGENCY AID COMMITTEE IN PRESSING NEED OF FUNDS

Relief Work Here and Abroad Dependent on Money. The Emergency Aid Committee must have more funds immediately if it is to carry out the tremendous project of caring for Philadelphia's army of poor and unemployed and at the same time do its share toward lessening the suffering in Europe. The work of the committee has reached such vast proportions that larger headquarters will be needed soon.

The rooms in the Lincoln Building have been occupied by the supply, the Belgian Relief and the Home Relief Committees. All packing, receiving and shipping activities will be concentrated in this building, and the present headquarters at 1128 Locust street will be used for executive offices only.

In order to carry out this tremendous work, funds must be had immediately. The public has been generous and the heads of the various organized charitable institutions have been working in absolute harmony with the Aid Committee. All contributions should be sent to Drexel & Co., depository for the funds of the committee. Checks should be made payable to Drexel & Co. for the Emergency Aid Committee.

Plans for the "Made in America" Pet, which will be held in Horticultural Hall December 14, 15, 16, 17, are nearing completion. Director Cooke has promised that the coat of arms of the Federation of Labor will be remodeled for the "Made in America" Pet.

The doll show at the Belgian booth will be one of the features of the fête. All sorts of dolls, from the big "sleeping" doll to the little rag pickinny, will be seen there, dressed in the costumes of practically every nation of the world. The third relief ship to sail from Philadelphia will leave Saturday for Belgium with 800 tons of food. It was chartered by the American Commission for Belgian Relief, with headquarters in New York.

PASTOR IN SANITARIUM AS RESULT OF OVERSTUDY

Rev. George A. McAllister Suffers Nervous Breakdown. Overstudy for the purpose of winning college degrees is given as the reason for the mental collapse of the Rev. George A. McAllister, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church of Chambersburg, Pa., who is now in a sanitarium near this city.

The minister was married early this year and had been pastor of the Chambersburg congregation since last April. Some days ago he suffered a nervous breakdown and as his condition grew steadily worse his physician decided that he had better be sent to a sanitarium. The congregation decided to assume all the expenses of the treatment. A furlough of three months was granted and the salary for that period will be paid to Mrs. McAllister, who has gone to live with her parents at Gettysburg, Pa.

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CHARLES C. BINNEY LEFT ESTATE VALUED AT \$203,682

Account of Executors' Filed With Register—Wills Probated. An estate of \$203,682 was left by Charles C. Binney, who died in July, 1913, according to an account filed today with the Register of Wills for adjudication by the Orphans' Court by the Girard Trust Company, W. Mayon Lansdale and William W. Montgomery, executors.

A balance of \$189,924 remains awaiting distribution among the heirs under the terms of the will. Among the investments comprising this balance are the following securities: Spring Brook Water Supply Company, appraised at \$18,500; Standard Steel Works, \$10,000; Citizens Traction Company, Venango County, Pa., \$400; Indiana, Columbus and Eastern Traction Company, \$13,000; Indianapolis Water Company, \$2000; Pennsylvania Heat, Light and Power Company, \$9100; 125 shares Cambria Iron Company, \$5373, and 50 shares Indianapolis Water Works, \$4520.

The will of Mary Kennedy, late of 1504 North 54th street, distributes an estate of \$5000 in private bequests.

Joseph Maginn, late of 2342 North 5th street, left an estate of \$2500 among relatives. Both wills were admitted to probate today.

Personal property of William Andrew has been appraised at \$2200; Elizabeth Murphy, \$2411; Henry P. Bigley, \$2123.50, and Mary Walsh, \$2178.31.

EQUAL FRANCHISE TEAS

Social Side of Movement to Be Developed This Month. Beginning today, the Equal Franchise Society of Philadelphia will have afternoon tea from 4 to 5 every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons in December at its headquarters, 35 South 9th street.

Miss Ellen McMurtree, of Chestnut Hill, vice president of the Pennsylvania Child Labor Association and member of the advisory board of the Equal Franchise Society, will be hostess; Wednesday, Mrs. T. Cuyler Patterson, a member of the board of directors; Thursday, Miss Margaret Kuhl Kelly, acting recording secretary; Friday, Miss Mary A. Burnham, one of the vice presidents.

TIRES CAUSE MAN'S ARREST

Awaiting a satisfactory explanation as to why Charles Richardson, a Negro, came to possess four automobile tires valued at \$100, Magistrate MacFarland held the man in \$500 bail for further hearing today in the 2d and Christian streets police station. Richardson was arrested at an early hour this morning near his home, at 1113 Bainbridge street, by Special Policeman Wreathoffer, who saw the man carrying the tires. When questioned, Richardson said he had bought them for \$150 from Joseph Redrow, of Chew's Landing, N. J.

MAN SHOT BY CARETAKER OF CLUB IN CAMDEN DIES

John Enders, Who Fired Bullet, Released—Victim's Companion Caught. Edward Hyde, of 1097 South 8th street, who was shot in the St. Anthony athletic Club, 836 Broadway, Camden, died this morning in the Cooper Hospital. John Enders, the caretaker of the club, who was arrested charged with shooting Hyde, was released on his own recognizance last night to appear as a witness before the Grand Jury, which will investigate the shooting. Thomas McCounchy, who it is said was with Hyde when he broke into the club and was discovered by Enders stealing cigarettes, was captured by Detective John Painter, of Camden, in Gloucester City last night. He is locked up at the Camden police station waiting a hearing. Enders was released before Hyde died, but it is not believed he will be re-arrested. It is not believed that he could be convicted of manslaughter in any degree, as he shot in defending the property of his employers against thieves.

ACCUSED BY WHO TRIED TO DIE, CRITICALLY ILL

Louis Cohen Shot Himself When Lawyer Charged Him With Theft. After having attempted to end his life by shooting when his employer accused him of dishonesty, Louis Cohen, 15 years old, of 215 North 13th street, is in the Jefferson Hospital. His recovery is considered doubtful by the physicians.

G. Lawrence Page, a lawyer, of the firm of Byron, Page, Sidebottom, who employed Cohen as an office boy, told him last night that he had caught him stealing money and that he was going to have him arrested. Louis walked into an adjoining room, took a revolver from a desk drawer and fired, the bullet entering his lung.

Mr. Page said Louis had worked as an office boy for his firm for several months. During the last few weeks small sums of money were missing on several occasions. Mr. Page determined to investigate. He left two marked \$1 bills on his desk yesterday afternoon and left his office. Louis was there alone for a while, and when Mr. Page went back one of the bills had disappeared. Mr. Page then took the remaining bill and went upstairs. He then commissioned the office-boy of one of his neighbors to take four quarters to Louis and ask for a dollar bill. This was done, and Louis is said to have given the money marked bill in exchange. Mr. Page then accused him of theft.

BECK'S WORLD PEACE PLAN AROUSES WIDE INTEREST

St. Andrew's Society to Provide Fund for Scottish Soldiers' Widows.

Noted Philadelphians, members of the St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia, discussed today the world picture of a world peace drawn last night by former Assistant United States Attorney General James M. Beck, of New York, at the 165th annual banquet of the society held in the Gimnasio, 15th and Locust streets. Mr. Beck suggested that at the end of the present struggle the President of the United States invite the representatives of the warring powers to meet in this country. He expressed the opinion that the President should take his place at the head of this conference.

To insure world peace for all time, he suggested that the President propose to the nations of the world a league to decide all international questions. Any nation breaking the peace of the league would be treated as an enemy of all the other nations.

For the first time in the history of the famous old society the Cross of St. Andrew gave way to the Red Cross of Humanity. It was announced by Alexander C. Ferguson, Jr., president of the society, that the organization would provide a fund of its own to care for the orphans and widows of Scottish soldiers killed in the war.

The names of 14 members who have died in the last year were toasted at the banquet. They included Colonel Robert B. Booth, after whom will be named the special fund, and Dr. S. Weir Mitchell.

Speakers at the banquet were the Rev. Dr. Ross Stevenson, the new president of Princeton Theological Seminary; the Rev. Dr. Charles Wesley Burns, of Germantown, and John Gribbell.

BLUECOAT'S BLOWS FATAL

Man Dying From Fractured Skull Suffered While Resisting Arrest. Joseph Maliseed, 45 years old, 2619 Annin street, on occasion of his dying in the Polyclinic Hospital from injuries received while resisting arrest by Policeman Pence, of the 17th District station at 2d and Alter streets, was last night buried at the hospital it was found the man's skull was fractured.

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BELGIAN BENEFIT DRAWS BIG AUL

TO THE ACAD. Program of Unexamined Strength Furnishes Entertainment to Delight Thousands.

One of the greatest crowds that ever attended a theatrical performance in Philadelphia is expected at the benefit performance in aid of the starving Belgians to be given in the Academy of Music this afternoon. The star acts from all leading theaters will be given at the performance which will begin at 7:30 and continue for more than five hours.

Samuel F. Nison, chairman of the United Theatrical Managers of Philadelphia, under whose auspices the performance is being given, announced that the preparations for the elaborate program had been completed. Only professional stars were selected, and those that will appear on the bill will be, in the aggregate, a group that could be assembled only on such an occasion.

Summing up comments on the performance in the words of the manager, "It will be the greatest vaudeville show ever staged." Among the star acts will be a complete act from "Fotash, the Perimeter" from the Garrick; one of the features from "High Jinks" the Lyric, Ethel Barrymore from Ke. Frances Starr from the Broad, an act from "Today" at the Adelphi, the C. teney Sisters from Keith's, several of the features from the "Queen of the Ice" at the Forest, and the entire company from the Little Theatre. It is believed that even the elab. most already prepared will be and it and other star acts.

The Nixon, Grand, when Broadway, Globe, Keat. Brou and several of the Philadelphia houses have offered the important acts for the performance. A 50-piece orchestra will be in attendance under the direction of Richard Schmalz. To complete the vaudeville typical the performance, the act between the added pictures of the same production, the merry show, the same production with a cargo of food and colorless of Philadelphia. The picture gathering noted by the Stanley Theatre, point agency Applications for tickets, he were that the Academy would in the 20 its doors long before it is finished the performance of the benefit. The program is in charge of, and an agreement of the benefit, of the stated by M. W. Taylor, the zel and Col. S. V. Holt, their, George Burnham, Jr., Mrs. W. A. Allen, Mrs. Norman Conderman, Mrs. William W. Curtis, Mrs. Clarence De. Mrs. G. W. C. Drexel, Mrs. Lewis M. Gray, Mrs. John Harrison, Mrs. B. E. Jay, Mrs. John P. Lewis, Mrs. McFadden, Mrs. Albert B. McVea, Mrs. Charles Bingham Penrose, Mrs. Ellis Scull, Mrs. Frederick Sheld, Marshall Smith and Mrs. Geo. cause Earle.

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